

June/July/August 2024

SUMMER 2024



Summer at the Romeo District Library is a marvelous time! We have so much going on, and it's the time of year we get to see so many of you. Stop by both of our branches for:

- YOGA: White Lotus brings back free outdoor yoga on Graubner's west lawn Monday evenings
- AIR CONDITIONING: Take a break from the heat
- SUMMER READING PROGRAMS: Read what you want and earn prizes June 10 to August 10
- ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS: Enjoy great options for "kids" of all ages
- "BEACH READS": Indulge in the newest titles of your favorite genre(s) and ask our staff for recommendations
- SIMPLE PAUSES: Sit on the Graubner patio outside the adult department, in the Discovery Zone on Graubner's west lawn or on Kezar's historic porch benches to read and enjoy the weather



586-752-0603 x1018

This summer we are also starting the process of assessing our community's needs and planning for the future of YOUR library. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see in our buildings (or even what you don't want us to change), please stop by to let me know, fill out a suggestion slip at either branch, use the 'Suggestions and Feedback' box through www.rdl.org under Library Information, or send me an email at claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org. Maybe you've visited another library or seen something in the media that made you think, "I wonder why RDL doesn't have that." I'd love to hear about it.

Free Basic Yoga

Mondays throughout summer, 6:30-7:30 pm

Yoga is back at the library! Join teachers from White Lotus Yoga Studio on the lawn behind our Graubner Branch, weather permitting. Bring a yoga mat and blanket. No yoga experience necessary. Namaste!





Red Cross Blood Drives

Mondays, June 10 & August 26, 2024 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Graubner

Give blood and help save a life. Register at: www.redcrossblood.org/blood-donor-app.html or call 1-800-Red-Cross

On the cover: Children bring their adults to enjoy a beautiful and scent-sational storytime at the Romeo Lavender Farm last summer.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

LIVE discussions in your own space with best-selling authors & thought leaders.

Tune in online. Listen in. Ask questions of the top names in literature.







Matt Shindell

Smithsonian Curator

Monday, June 3, 2:00 pm

Freida McFadden Thursday, June 13, 8:00 pm

Tiffany Jewell

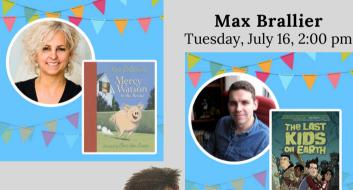
Thursday, June 20, 2:00 pm



CHILDRENS' SUMMER READING AUTHOR TALK SERIES

Kate DiCamillo

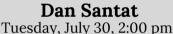
Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 pm



Elizabeth Acevedo

Tuesday, July 23, 2:00 pm







Dr. Jennifer Levasseur

Behind the Scenes at the Space Station Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 2:00 pm

Irena Smith

Thursday, August 15, 2024, 2:00 pm

Shelby Van Pelt

Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 7:00 pm







REGISTER @ www.rdl.org → Download & Stream → Virtual Author Talks

ADULT PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

Kate Hinote Trio

Thursday, June 6, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Welcome back this vocal/violin/guitar trifecta. Enjoy original contemporary folk songs along with select retro and modern covers plus a voice that's both cinematic and operatic.





Sheila Landis Country Concert Thursday, June 13, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Sheila Landis and her talented friends are back, and this time they bring us a country music concert featuring songs from many old favorites, such as Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Crystal Gayle, John Denver, Reba McEntire and many more. This is intended to be an outdoor concert.

The Assassination of JFK: 61 Years Later Thursday, June 20, 2024, 6:30-7:30 pm

Historian Jay Hernandez examines how recently released classified documents shed new light on the events of that historic day. Presenting facts (not conspiracy theory) objectively, he encourages audiences to make their own decisions.



Trauma-Informed S.E.L.F.

Thursday, June 27, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Author/Life Coach/Motivational Speaker Daniellle Bernock is back to discuss the effects that trauma has on our lives, and how to heal and thrive beyond that trauma. No registration required. Books will be available for purchase.

Crossroads Band Concert

Thursday, July 11, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

This local family band of a father and his boys promises to add energy to a beautiful summer evening with a performance of jazz, funk, and contemporary music. Come out for some fun and positive vibes.



ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Patriotic Painting with Cindy

Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Our local artist Cindy returns to celebrate the pride and beauty of America with the creation of a whimsical flag painting. No painting experience needed. Class strictly limited to 15.



Register in person at our Graubner Branch or call 586-752-0603 x4 beginning June 1.



Hemingway's Michigan Travelogue

Thursday, July 25, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Michael Artman takes us to northern Michigan, where well-known author Ernest Hemingway spent more than 20 summers, including those at his family's cottage of Windemere. The north area of the Great Lakes State was also the setting for many of Hemingway's Nick Adams stories.



Color Pencil Adventure Drawing

Thursday, August 8, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Kate is back, this time to guide us in an adventure-themed color pencil drawing to celebrate the Summer Reading Program. No previous experience necessary. Supplies provided. Class limited to 25.



Register in person at our Graubner Branch or call 586-752-0603 x4 beginning June 1.

Middle Eastern Harp Concert

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Armenian-American musician Ara Topouzian's proficiency on the kanun (Middle Eastern harp with 78 strings) has made him a nationally recognized artist for more than 30 years. His traditional music style keeps to his Armenian heritage yet is expanded to include music from around the Middle East with jazz and world music influences.





Summertime Cooking

Thursday, August 29, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

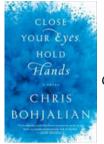
Our friend Chef Mary will cook up a tasty summertime skillet dish and a cool summer salad. Samples and recipes provided. Registration is required but unlimited.



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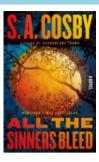
TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

Meets in person at our Graubner Branch and online, 1:30-2:30 pm. Contact Emily for a Zoom link @ emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org.



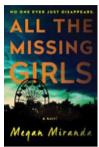
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Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands by Chris Bohjalian



August 13, 2024

All the Sinners Bleed by S.A. Cosby



September 3, 2024

All the Missing Girls by Megan Miranda



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TECH @ RDL



Register in person at Graubner, by calling 586-752-0603 x4 or via our Calendar at www.rdl.org.

Tech Tutoring

Mondays through Thursdays 1:45 pm or 3:30 pm, by appointment

Learn how to use our ebook and audiobook services—hoopla and Libby, and more.

Library Services Overview

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm

June 6, July 25 & August 8, 2024

Learn about various databases as well as digital access to Consumer Reports, The New York Times, Newsbank and more—plus a tour of the library.

Data Declutter & Account Security

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm | June 27 & August 15, 2024

Don't get locked out from endless guessing and factory resets! Secure and simplify user names, passwords and logins for shopping, banking and email accounts. Bring your personal devices to learn "hands-on" about security tools. Some experience with digital devices is recommended.



You can now borrow tech, educational and entertainment devices with your library card!

Items in this collection circulate for three weeks, are non-renewable, and cannot be placed on hold. Items are housed and to be picked up at the Graubner Library.

See the collection at www.rdl.org.

BEGINS MONDAY ADVENTURE BEGINS LIBRARY AUGUST 10

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS 2024

Register, Read, Log, Win.



Register online at www.rdl.org or in person at either branch.



Register for your Summer Reading Program and get a coupon for a FREE book from one of our used bookstores!

Thank you to Friends of the Romeo District Library.

Then, throughout the summer, track the number of minutes you read (or are read to) and earn prizes along the way!



Earn level prizes for 5, 10 & 15 hours! Read 20 hours+ and enter for a chance to win a grand prize like: gift cards, LEGO sets, a baking set, or other cool things! (See the displays at both branches.)

Ask your librarians for suggested books for any type of reader, as well as talking books and tablets with preloaded educational games.

TEENS

Ask your librarians to guide you to new genres, like-authors, specific titles, books-to-movies titles, nonfiction topics, downloads...

Level prizes include:

5 hours = book & scented bookmark

10 hours = Squishmallows Slime

15 hours = MGA Miniverse Collectible

Read 20 hours+ and enter for a chance to win a **grand prize**:

- Craft Pack (2 Diamond Dots Art Kits, Bookend Diorama Kit, Coloring Book & Markers)
- Game Pack (Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, Taco vs Burrito, Worst-Case Scenario & Zombie Kittens)
- Book Pack (Book Cover Puzzle, Reading-themed Glass Cup, Tote Bag & Reading Light)

ADULTS

Have an adventure reading this summer! Grand-prize winnings include Amazon gift cards! **Ask your librarians** to guide you to authors, titles, nonfiction and downloads. They can find you just the RIGHT READ! Or, use our Libby or hoopla digital services.

FAMILY STORYTIMES

Join us for **storytimes in the community** this summer to celebrate reading adventures, books and the library! See our schedules on pages 8 & 13.



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TEEN PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

Anime Club

Tuesdays, June 4 & July 2, 2024; and Wednesday, August 7, 2024 | 6:00-7:30 pm

If you love anime and manga, then join us to hang out, watch anime, do crafts and eat Japanese snacks!



In-Person Craft Programs
1:00-2:00 pm. Register at www.rdl.org.

June 15: Tie Dye Canvas Bags Design your own bag to fill with books for summer reading!

Registration open now.





July 20: Flower Bottles Preserve dried flowers in bottles for beautiful decorations.

Registration begins June 1.

August 10: Pressed Flower Frames Create works of art with dried

flowers, inspirational quotes and picture frames.

Registration begins July 1.





Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm June 11 & 25; July 9 & 23; and August 13 & 27, 2024



Explore magical worlds & fight fantastical beasts in the classic roleplaying game! Don't know how to play? We'll teach you! Pizza and pop available.

Take & Make Craft Kits

Available first-come first-served on the first Friday of each month.

June: Sunflower Suncatchers





July: Clothespin Magnets

August: Felt Bird Bookmarks









SUMMER READING 2024
JUNE 10-AUGUST 10

RDL ON WHEELS

your library, delivered



We go where you are...

- browse books & other items
 - check out, place holds & return items
- learn about library services
 - sign up for Summer Reading Programs

Sunday, June 2, 2024 | 10:00 am-4:00 pm | 46th Annual Super Sunday Washington Historical Museum, 58230 Van Dyke Rd., Washington Twp.



Saturday, June 8, 2024 | 10:30 am-2:30 pm | Vintage Fest Bruce Twp. Park, 223 E. Gates Rd., Bruce Twp.

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 | 10:30 am | Storytime at Jack Frost Auto Museum 61741 Campground Rd., Washington Bring chairs and lunch for storytime and a tour!



Registration required beginning May 28. Call 586-752-0603 x 1007.



Saturday, July 13, 2024 | 10:00 am | Storytime at Romeo Lavender Farm 80800 Van Dyke Rd., Bruce Twp. (SE corner of Van Dyke & Bordman Rds.)

Registration required beginning June 10. Call 586-752-0603 x 1007.

Saturday, August 3, 2024 | 9:00 am | Jack Frost Auto Museum Charity Event 61741 Campground Rd., Washington

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 | 10:00 am | Storytime for Sunflower Days Westview Orchards and Winery, 65075 Van Dyke Rd., Washington



Registration required beginning July 16. Call 586-752-0603 x 1007.



Monday, September 2, 2024 | 1:30 pm | Romeo Peach Festival Hometown Parade, downtown Romeo

Music in the Parks Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 pm



July 11, 18 and 25, 2024

Romeo Village Park | 115 W. Newberry St., Romeo

August 1, 8 and 15, 2024

Washington Twp. Park | 57880 Van Dyke Ave., Washington



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch



Register for the below programs online at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-0603 x5.

Bubble Party!

Thursday, June 13, 2024 2:00-3:00 pm

It's bubble time! Join us on the library lawn to create bubbles of all sizes and to learn some bubble tricks! For all ages.

Registration begins Thursday, May 30.



Nature Crafts

Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:00-3:00 pm

Create crafts inspired by the great outdoors: camping, animal tracks, trees and more! For ages 5 and up. Registration begins

Registration begins Monday, June 6.



ADVENTURE REGINS LIBRARY.

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Indiana Joel's Magic Show

Thursday, June 27, 2024 | 10:30-11:15 am

Enjoy Michigan's Family Funnyman in a new program perfect for the Summer Reading Program theme! He brings adventure stories to life, and you can help him! For ages 0-12. **Registration begins Monday, June 13.**

Tie-Dye Party

Thursday, July 11, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Celebrate summer by making your own tie-dyed artwork! Dying materials and tee shirts provided. Or bring your own 100% white cotton item. (Items must be small enough to fit in a gallon-size ziplock bag.) This will be messy so dress accordingly. For ages 5 and up. **Registration begins Saturday, June 27.**





Parkour Workshop

Thursday, July 18, 2024 | 2:00-3:30 pm

Do you love to run, jump and climb? Instructors with Phoenix Freerunning Academy lead a fun boot camp workshop outdoors that will test your physical skills! Please dress for wild activity! For ages 7-13. **Registration begins Friday, July 4.**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

"How Does Your Garden Grow?"

Friday, July 26, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 pm

What happens when you try to grow a plant without water and light? Helpers with Sloan Museum of Discovery guide you in setting up and running your own terrarium experiment growing seeds. For ages 4-12. **Registration begins July 12**.

Nighttime Adventures

Thursday, August 1, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Explore the night with crafts and activities all about the night sky, nocturnal animals and more. Ages 5 and up.

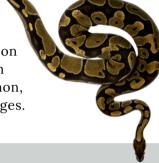
Registration begins July 18.



Creature Feature

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 pm

"Dan the Creature Man" presents his spectacular hands-on program that introduces you to a variety of animals from around the world, including an African Grey Parrot, python, tarantula... and a three-foot American Alligator! For all ages. **Registration begins July 16.**



Tween Crafternoons 2:00-3:30 pm

Hang out and make cool crafts with a different theme each month! Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Monday, June 17, 2024 **Trip Planning**



Plan your dream vacation and share it with your friends!

Registration: June 3

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 Summer Camp Crafts



Join us for summer campthemed crafts and activities! Registration: July 4

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 Geocaching Kits



Learn this fun hike-and-seek hobby and make your own caching kit! Registration: July 24

Field Day

Saturday, August 10, 2024 2:00-3:00 pm Rain date August 17

Bring the whole family to celebrate the wrapup of the Summer Reading Program with outdoor activities including relays, toss games and limbo! For all ages. **No registration required.**



ADULT PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

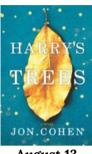
Great Books Book Group

Second Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm

Great books, great company, great conversation everything you want in a book group!





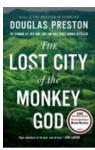


August 13

Join these discussions! Contact Stacie @ 586-752-2583, or just drop in!

History's Mysteries Book Group Third Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm

Murder and mayhem, robberies and forgeries, heroes and villians... this book group has it all!







June 20

August 15

Crochet Club

Every Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 pm

Beginners to experts, knitters and other needle arts, too—join our circle to work on your projects.

Junk Journal Meetup

First Saturday of every month | June 1, July 6, August 3, 2024 | 11:00 am-1:00 pm Bring your supplies and learn new crafting techniques while we work on our junk journals.

Little Golden Books Junk Journal

Mondays, June 10, 17 & 24 and July 1, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Our master crafter Terri will help you create a junk journal based on Little Golden Books. Get ready for some fun, creativity and nostalgia with this popular craft! Beginners welcome.

Registration required beginning June 1 and limited to 10.





Folk Art Trivets

Thursday, June 27 | 2024, 6:00-7:00 pm





Have fun in this laid-back craft class, complete with treats! Choose from three folk art designs to create a quirky kitchen essential. Registration required beginning June 1 and limited to 20.



Enjoy Michigan! Search 475 state venues. Save free & discounted passes to the Apple or Google wallet on your mobile device.

ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

America the Beautiful: National Parks of the Southwest

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Imagine walking along the rim of the Grand Canyon as the sun is rising, or hiking along the Virgin River in Zion Canyon in early spring. Then travel scenic Highway 12, known as the "Million Dollar Highway," to Bryce Canyon National Park where you will view the famous hoodoos. Your guide Michael Artman completes the journey in Moab, Utah, with a majestic tour of Arches National Park.



Mosaic Coasters

Thursday, July 25, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Join us for a fun, easy and relaxing craft along with a sweet treat and great conversation! **Registration** required beginning June 1 and limited to 20.

Card Making

Thursday, August 1, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Everyone knows someone who makes those beautiful, fun and personalized cards, and now that can be you! Nancy Garr shows you the basic and not-so-basic techniques to making homemade cards. Make giving a card to someone truly a gift from you! **Registration required beginning**June 1 and limited to 20.





Wilderness Survival

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

When you are prepared to go into the woods, nature can be a great place to adventure. Learn skills from Shana with Skyline Camp and Retreat Center in Almont that will help you stay hydrated, fed, found, safe and warm, as well as how to prioritize these needs. **Registration required beginning June 1 and limited to 25.**

Alcohol Ink Jewelry Dish

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Beautiful colors, a new crafting process and a useful product to take home—what more could you ask for? Join other crafters to try out alcohol inks, make a beautiful dish, and enjoy some yummy baked goods. **Registration required** beginning June 1 and limited to 20.





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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30 pm

June 12-August 7, 2024 (no session June 19)

Join in every Wednesday during the Summer Reading Program for camp-themed and inspired crafts. For preschool-5th grades. No registration required.

A full list of crafts is available at Kezar or by calling 586-752-2583.





Outdoor Storytime Adventures Thursdays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm June 13-August 8, 2024

This summer, let's listen to stories, sing songs, and have fun in the Romeo Village Park!

You will get a surprise craft or activity to take home, too!

No registration required. Romeo Village Park is at the corner of Rawles and Newberry Streets. Rain location will be Kezar Library. No Storytime July 4.

Drawing Comics with Mark Crilley Thursday, June 20, 2024, 2:00-3:00 pm

For grades 3-12.

Join us for a fun and engaging drawing workshop with author Mark Crilley, author of numerous graphic novels and manga for children and teens, including Akiko Books, Miki Falls and Brody's Ghosts.



Limited to 20 spots. Registration begins June 1 online at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-2583.







For the last seven days of each calendar month, you can choose from an impressive selection of TV shows, movies, comics and manga, eBooks and audiobooks without using your monthly borrows!

Download our app: SLC Libraries Mobile





ARCHIVAL PROGRAMS



Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, June 8, 2024 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm

With help from our archivist, you can learn how to guide your family history search with free library methods and reference materials. This workshop's theme is <u>church records</u>. Held both in-person and virtually through Zoom. For more information contact Emily at 586-690-4890 or rea@romeodistrictlibrary.org.

The Romeo Tornado of 1934

Thursday, August 8, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm



Larry Sobczak, publisher of *The Record*, joins

Archivist Emily Malek for a deep dive into this historic event, including life in Romeo at that time, the storm itself and the damage it wreaked, and why it remains important to this day. They'll also attempt to settle the debate whether the storm was an actual tornado.



Don't miss the RCA Photo of the Week on our Facebook page: Romeo Community Archives, Romeo District Library-Kezar Branch



AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS



Friends of the Romeo District Library supports **Summer Reading Programs! ALL AGES:** Register for a program and get a coupon for a **free used book**.

- The **March is Reading Month** \$3 bag sale at both used bookstores was a success! Check the Friends Facebook page for news of upcoming sales and specials.
- We are proud to help underwrite the **Romeo Reads** program, which featured an author visit by Viola Shipman (Wade Rouse) April 25.
- Our **annual meeting** will take place in June. Details, including date, time and location, will be announced on Facebook.



Summer cleaning? We always welcome books, DVDs and Blu-rays, CDs and audiobooks in good condition at both

locations. For more information go to www.rdl.org/friends/book-stores.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers and invite you to get to know us.

Visit our website for details romeodistrictlibrary.org/friends/

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\$30 - Family
\$50 - Business



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Coming in September! Womens' conversation hour



Tell a
Neighbor:
September is
Library Card
Signup Month!







Make some new friends!

Join more than **1,000 library lovers** like you! Become a member of our **Romeo District Library Group** on Facebook. It is THE place to get library news, connect with other readers, find discounts to local venues and activities, and answer fun polls and questions.

Share what you're reading every Friday!



Graubner Branch, 65821 Van Dyke Rd. Washington 48095 | 586-752-0603

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Fri/Sat 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sun Closed (until September) Kezar Branch, 107 Church St. Romeo 48065 | 586-752-2583

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Fri 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sun Closed

Romeo District Library branches will be closed June 19, July 4, August 31 & September 2, 2024.



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